

Attorney Docket Number 2102393-991122

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 and 28-38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,275,623 of Brophy ("Brophy"). The Examiner indicated that claims 15-27 and 39-41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Solely to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants cancelled claims 1-13, 15, and 38-39, and amended claims 14, 16, 20, 25, 26, 27, 35, and 40. Applicants amended claim 14 to include the limitations of claim 15, which was determined to render claim 14 allowable. Applicants amended claim 16 to depend from claim 14. Applicants amended allowable claims 20, 25, 26 and 27 to place them in independent form. Claims 28-34 all depend (directly or indirectly) from amended claim 14, which is now allowable. Thus, claims 28-34 are allowable in their present form. Applicants amended claim 35 to include the limitations of claim 39, which was determined to be allowable, including the limitations of intervening claim 38. Claims 36, 37, 40 and 41 all depend (directly or indirectly) from amended claim 35, which is now allowable. Thus, claims 36, 37, 40 and 41 are deemed allowable in their present form.

For all of these reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 14, 16-37 and 40-41 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early reconsideration is respectfully requested.

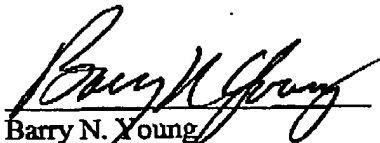
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